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PREFACE

This report is a summary of selected information on transportation and infiltration activity in southeast Asia as reported by NPIC during the period indicated on the cover. Those lines of communication and associated facilities which support communist insurgency in Laos and South Vietnam are emphasized.

Items are numbered and arranged according to location from north to south. Annotated maps of varying scales have been included to assist the reader in locating the items. Each large-scale map depicts all motorable roads photographically confirmed by NPIC unless otherwise indicated.

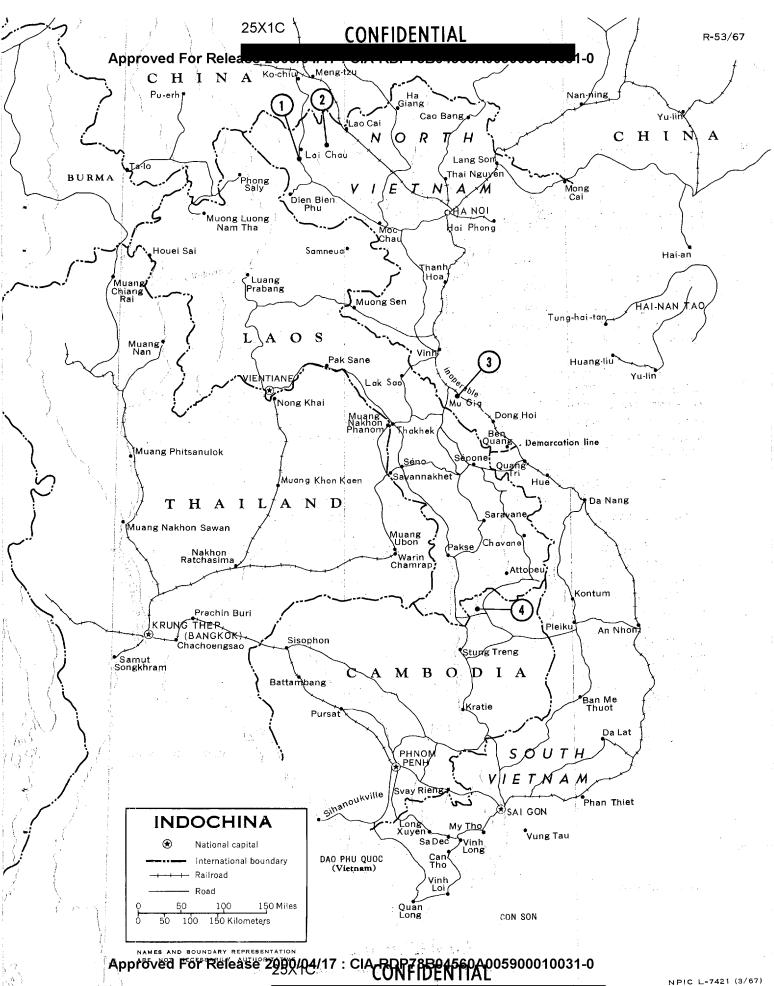
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ROAD STUDY, ROUTE 110

Included within this report is a detailed road study of Laos Route 110 and its associated facilities between the junction with Route 96 and the Cambodia/Laos border. While the additional portion of the route extending east to the tri-border area is generally unserviceable, this road segment exhibits an increasingly high degree of activity. The study has a two-fold purpose: (1) to precisely depict the route alignment and related road construction, and (2) to locate and identify the extensive probable military activity in the adjacent areas.



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1. Road Construction, Lai Chau Area, North Vietnam

The construction on North Vietnam Route 191 is continuing on various segments in the Lai Chau area. When completed, the route will provide a direct motorable connection between Lai Chau at 22-04N 103-09E and Dien Bien Phu at 21-23N 103-01E.

New road construction, consisting of road clearing and survey lines, extends south from Route 6 at UTM UK109394 (Figure 1), generally parallelling the east bank of the Nam Lai (stream) to UTM UK084266 (Figure 2). This road segment represents a partial realignment of Route 191, but, more significantly, it will provide a direct access to Route 6, by-passing Route 4 and the major stream crossings at Muong Tong (UTM UK087299).

The realignment and widening of Route 191 appears complete and service-able between UTMs UKO84266 and UKO77214. Realignment construction is intermittent from this point to UKO35083, where three vehicles/pieces of construction equipment were observed on (Figure 3). An isolated segment of road clearing, the southernmost observed road construction, is located at UTM UKO18004 (Figure 4).

Vehicle tracks were observed south along the original alignment of Route 191 to the limits of interpretable photography at UTM UJ007968, with a road survey line parallelling the southernmost 2 nm.

Additional road construction is observed north of Lai Chau extending east from Route 6 at UTM UK114428 and generally parallelling the north bank of the Black River to UTM UK138414 (Figure 5). The eastern terminus of this construction was obscured by clouds on evidence of construction east of UTM UK154412.

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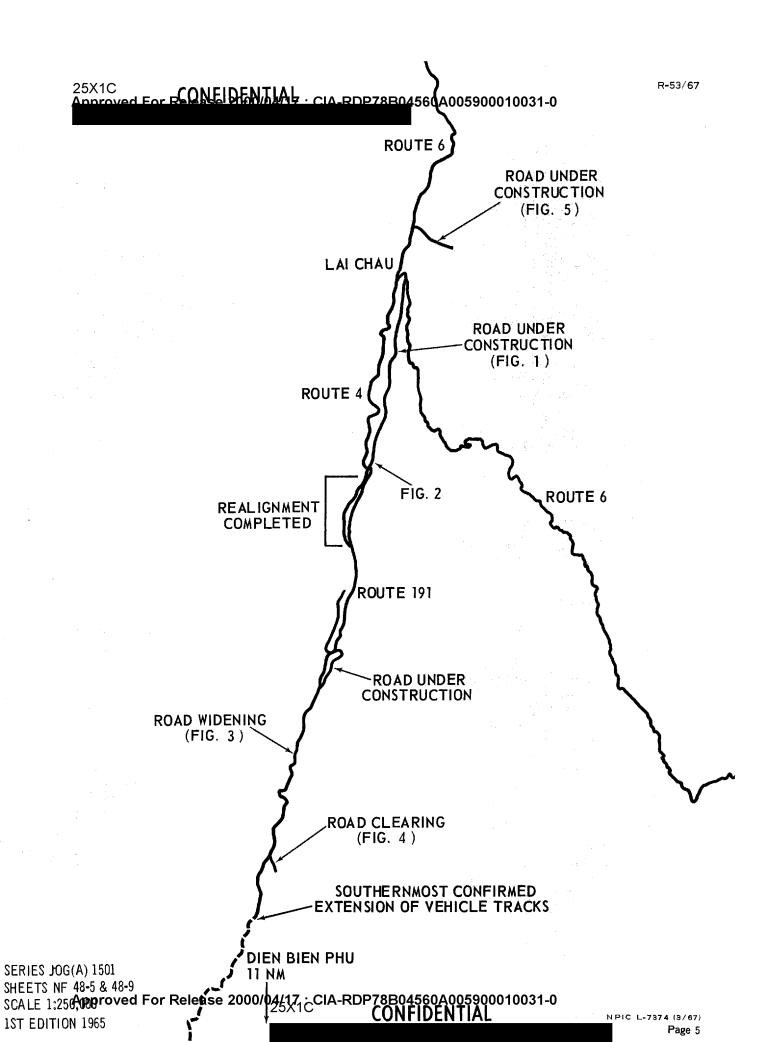
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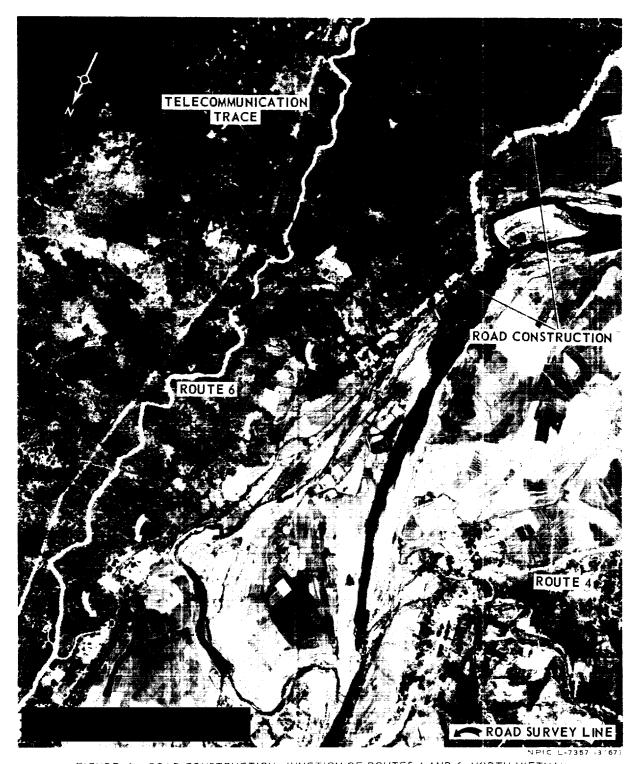


FIGURE 1. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, JUNCTION OF ROUTES 4 AND 6, NORTH VIETNAM

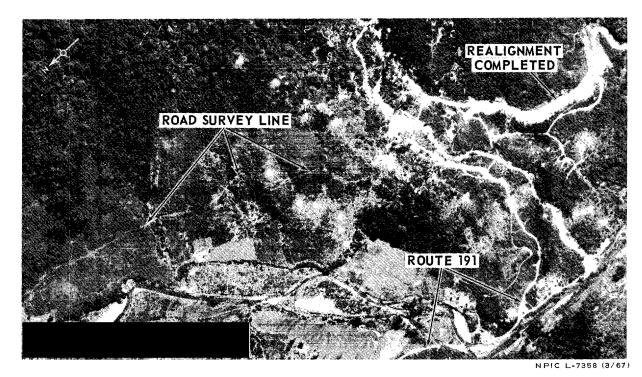


FIGURE 2. ROAD CONSTRUCTION, ROUTE 191, NORTH VIETNAM

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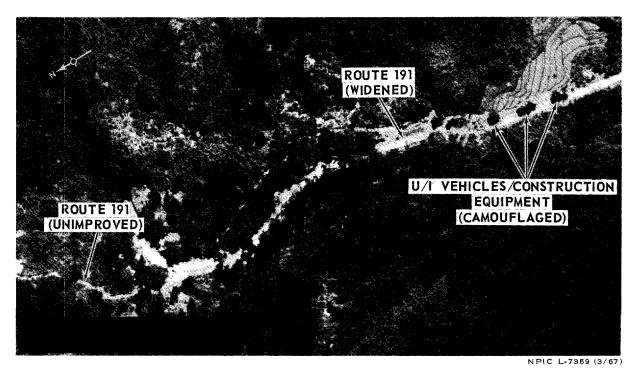
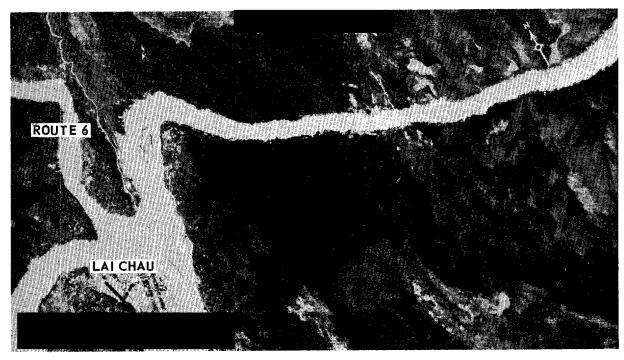


FIGURE 3. ROAD IMPROVEMENT, ROUTE 191, NORTH VIETNAM



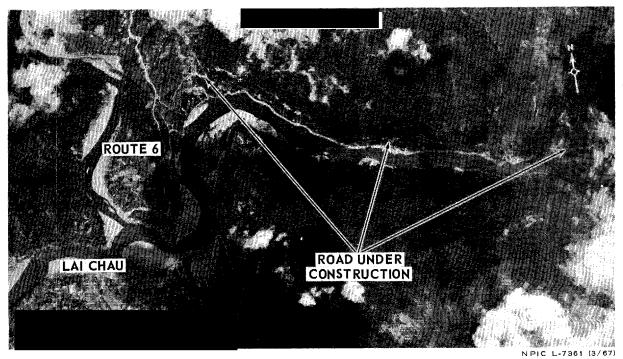
FIGURE 4. ROAD CLEARING, ROUTE 191, NORTH VIETNAM

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FIGURE 5. ROAD UNDER CONSTRUCTION, LAI CHAU AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

2. Military/Construction Facilities, Foute 132 Area, North Vietnam

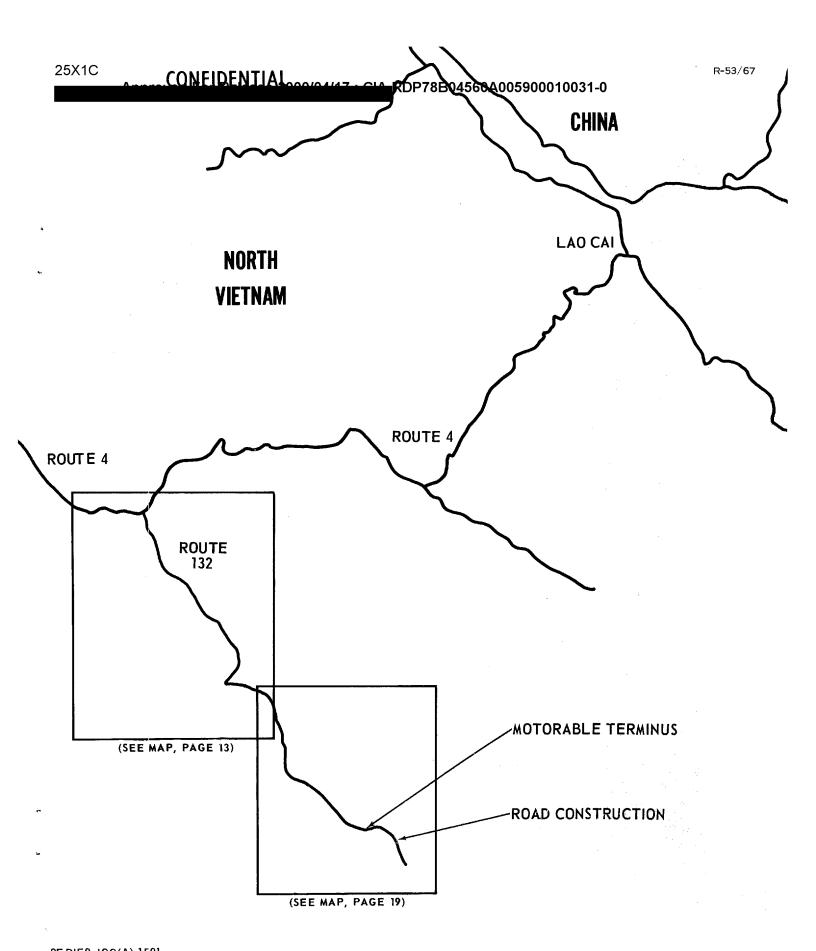
Construction continues on the new road extending south from North Vietnam Route 4 at 22-19N 103-40E and generally following the alignment of Route 132. The road is serviceable to UTM UK766467 and is being cleared and graded to UTM UK788454. A survey line extends to UK792447. Numerous quarries in the area indicate that the road is being surfaced with gravel.

Nineteen military/construction facilities, similar to those previously identified along Routes 6 and 191 (Summaries 19, 24 and 26), are located adjacent to the road. The UTM coordinates and composition of these facilities follow:

- 1. UK635663; 15 buildings with personnel trenches (Figure 6)
- 2. UK641643; 55 buildings with 3 AW/AA sites (Figure 8)
- 3. UK648646; 50 buildings (Figure 9)
- 4. UK641632; 60 buildings and vehicle park (Figure 10)
- UK647627; 24 buildings
- 6. UK663629; 117 buildings with 2 AW/AA sites (Figure 11)
- UK662621; 35 buildings with 3 AW/AA sites
- 8. UK679598; 17 buildings (Figure 12)
- 9. UK695600; 10 buildings (Figure 14)
- 10. UK688587; 34 buildings
- 11. UK694581; 60 buildings (Figure 13)
- 12. UK682575; 10 buildings
- 13. UK681569; 35 buildings (Figure 7) 14. UK666558; 7 buildings
- 15. UK701568; 25 buildings
- 16. UK712532; 9 buildings (Figure 15)
- 17. UK738495; 6 buildings
- 18. UK771465; 28 buildings (Figure 16)
- 19. UK790459; 18 buildings with personnel trenches (Figure 17)

A total of 31 trucks were identified in these facilities on

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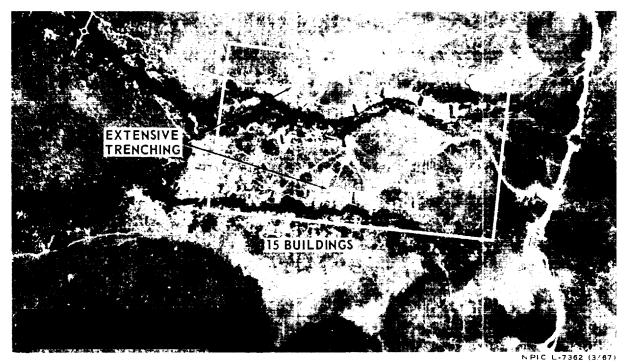


FIGURE 6. MILITARY/CONSTRUCTION FACILITY, ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

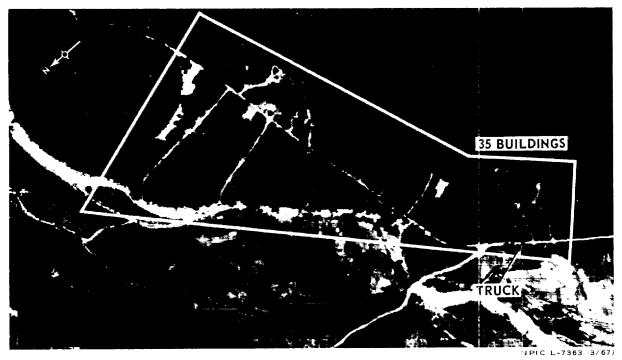


FIGURE 7. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY '35 BUILDINGS), ROUTE 132 / REA, NORTH VIETNAM

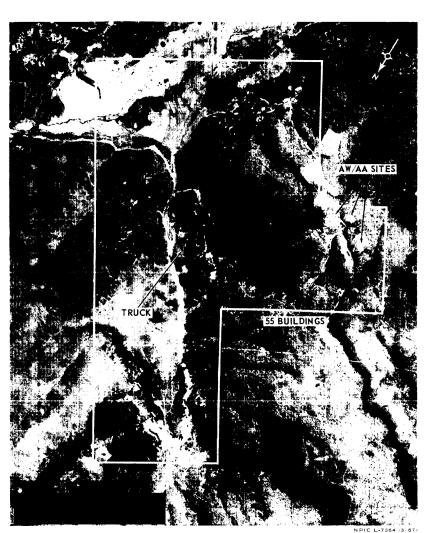
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FIGURE 8. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY, ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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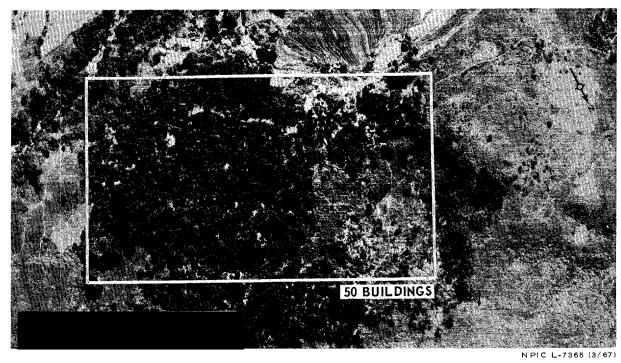


FIGURE 9. MILITARY /CONSTRUCTION FACILITY, ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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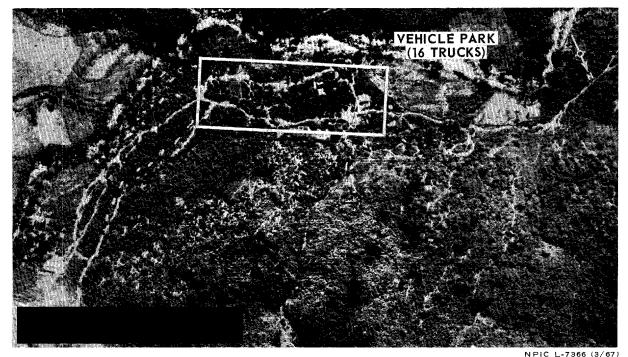


FIGURE 10. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY (60 BUILDINGS), ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM



FIGURE 11. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY 1117 BUILDINGS), ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

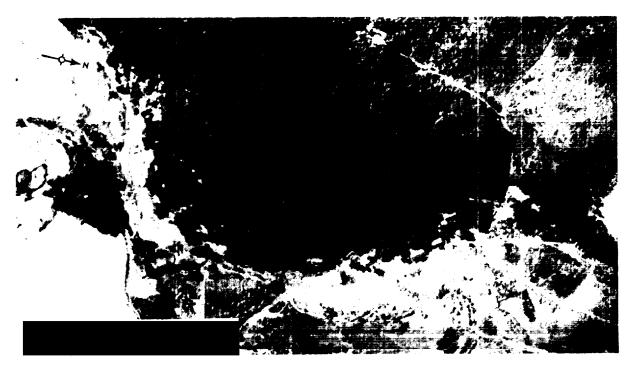


FIGURE 12. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY (17 BUILDINGS), ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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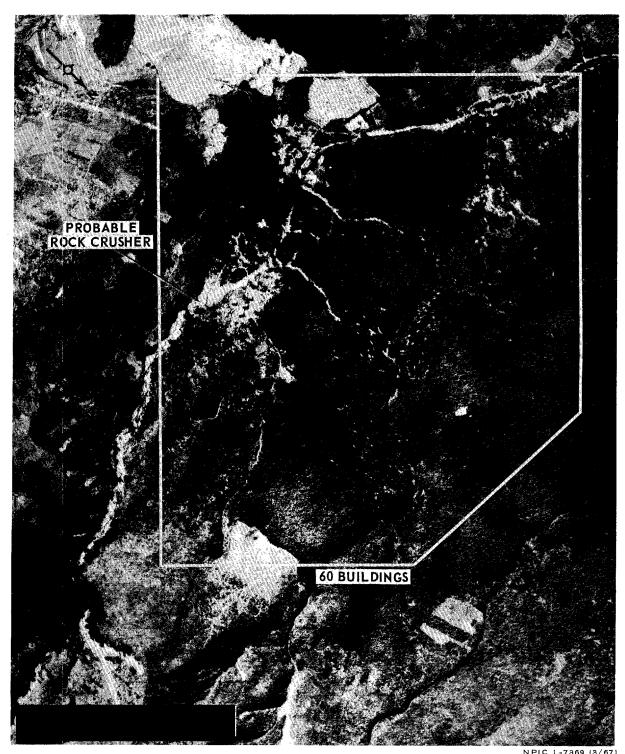


FIGURE 13. MILITARY/CONSTRUCTION FACILITY, ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM



FIGURE 14. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY (10 BUILDINGS), ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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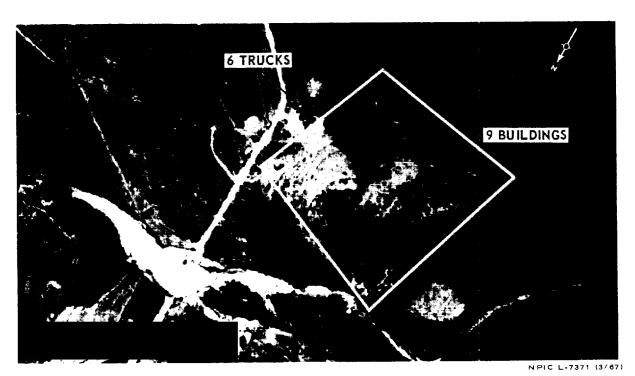


FIGURE 15. MILITARY CONSTRUCTION FACILITY, ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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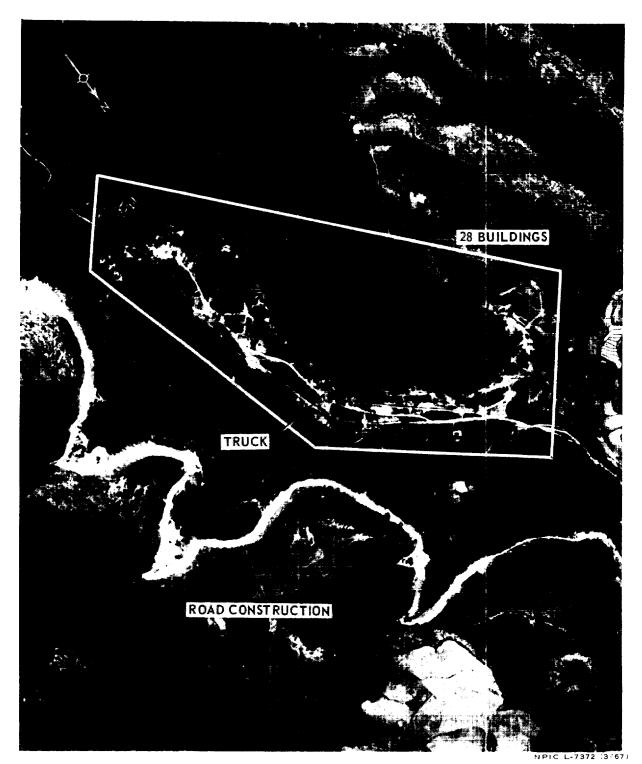


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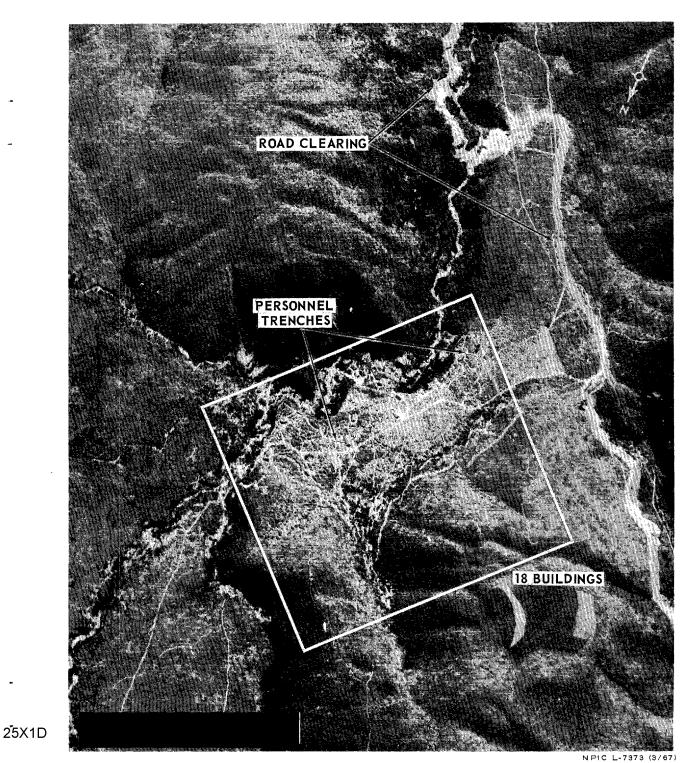


FIGURE 17. MILITARY/CONSTRUCTION FACILITY, ROUTE 132 AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

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 Major Transloading/Transshipment Points, Thuong Phong Trang Area, North Vietnam

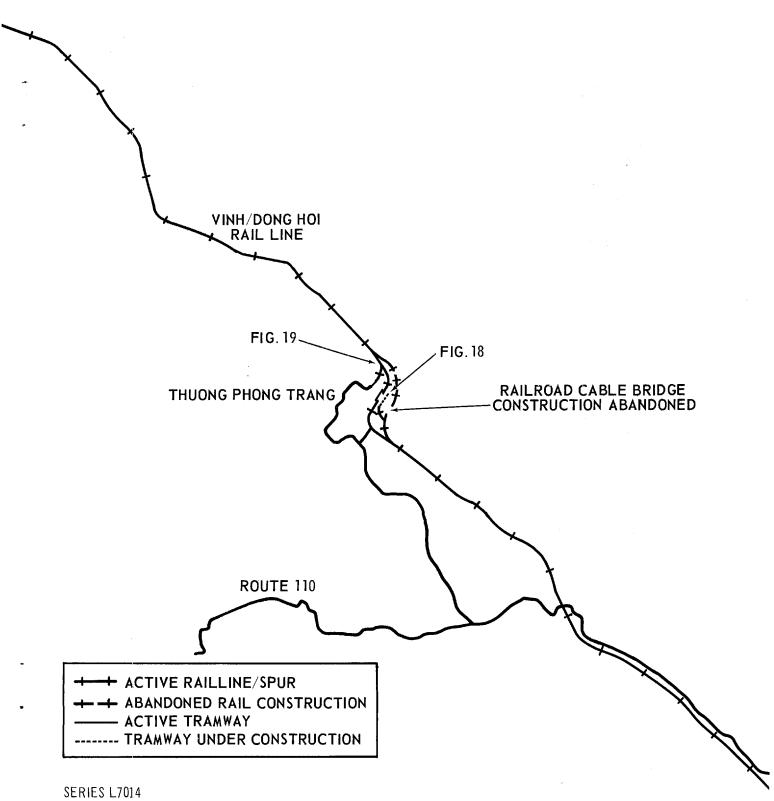
Major railroad transloading and transshipment points have been established on the banks of the Rao Nay (river) in the vicinity of Thuong Phong Trang (17-54N 106-00E). Construction has been discontinued on the railroad cable bridge at UTM XE064BOl (see Summaries 17 and 23) and a tramway system has been adopted to maintain the flow of supplies along the Vinh/Dong Hoi Rail Line, which on extended south to UTM XE156725.

An operational tramway, providing rail-to-rail transloading, is located immediately west of the destroyed Thuong Phong Trang Railroad Bridge between approximate UTM's XEO62803 and XEO63804 and is served by the main line (Figure 13). A similar tramway is under construction immediately east of the bridge (a cable anchorage excavation is visible on the north bank) and will be served by an extension of the rail spur originally constructed as a southern approach to the abandoned cable bridge. Large volumes of unidentified supplies have been staged at the three track termini in this area.

A rail spur extends from the main line north of the Rao Nay to approximate UTM XEO61806, where an additional operational tramway provides rail-to-road transshipment (Figure 19). Stacks of unidentified supplies are located on a service road to Route 110 at the southern end of this tramway (approximate UTM XEO60805). Stacks of unidentified supplies are also located at UTM XEO63807. Eleven railcars were located north of the river on and nine were located on the south bank.

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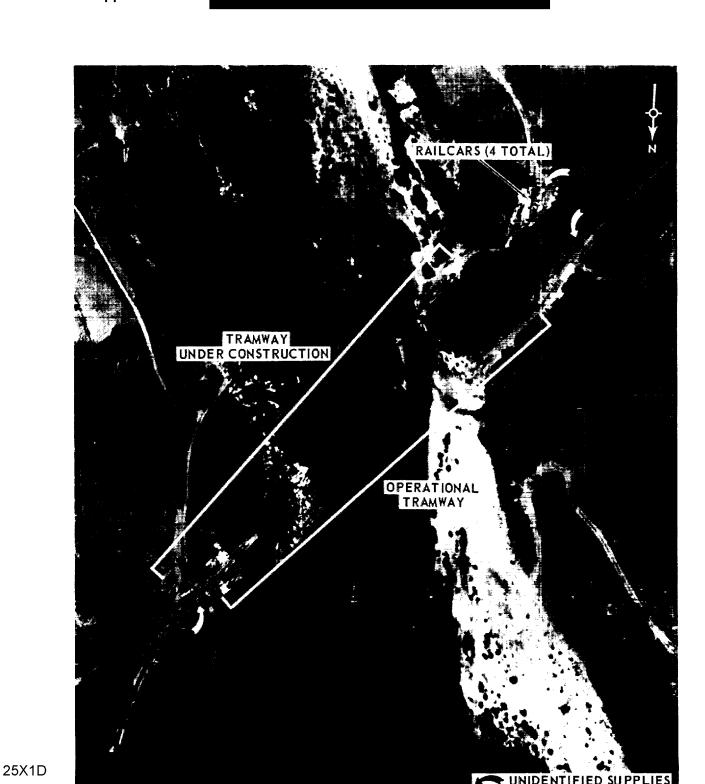


FIGURE 18. TRANSLOADING POINTS, THUONG PHONG TRANG AREA, NORTH VIETNAM

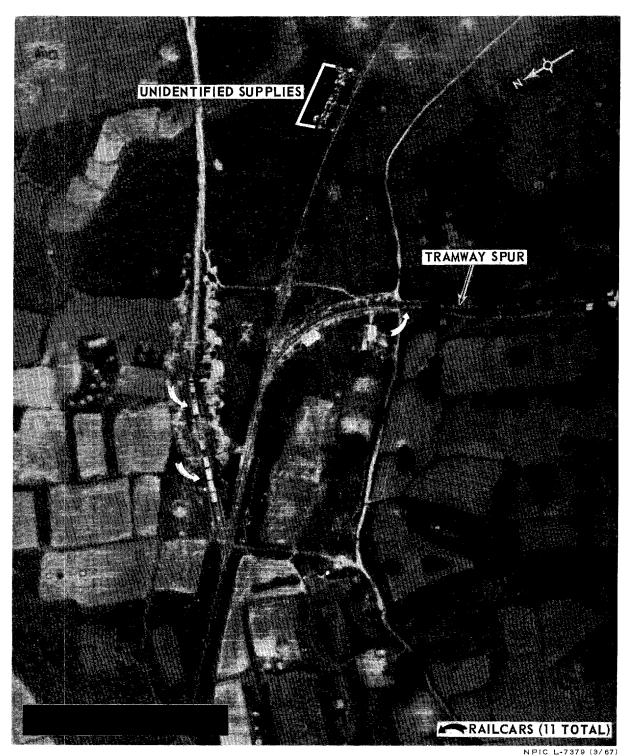


FIGURE 19. ROLLING STOCK, VINH/DONG HOI RAIL LINE, NORTH VIETNAM

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4. Increased River Traffic, Tonle Kong (Fiver), Cambodia

There has been a significant increase in the volume of river traffic observed on the Tonle Kong (river) between Stung Treng at 13-31N 105-57E and the Cambodia/Laos border at 14-35N 106-32E. Recorded observations of motorized river craft on the northern half of this water-torne supply route have increased approximately 25 percent over a similar calendar period in 1966. Eighty-five craft were identified on between the Siempang area (14-07N 106-23E) and the border, compared with the previous maximum single-day total of 61 craft on

The correspondingly high number of motorized river craft observed on the southern half of the river, between Stung Treng and Siempang -- 84 craft on _______ -- indicates an increased reliance on the entire waterborne route. Accurate figures of observations along this segment have not been heretofore recorded due to their relative insignificance in comparison with the vehicular activity on the road system between these two points (see Summary 36, Sections I and III). Examples of the river traffic are presented in Figures 21-27.

A probable storage/transshipment area is located immediately north of Stung Treng Airfield along the Tonle Kong, at UTM XV101972 (Figure 20). At least eight probable storage buildings are partially concealed along the river bank with an additional five buildings available for support. On three motorized river craft were moored adjacent to the storage area.

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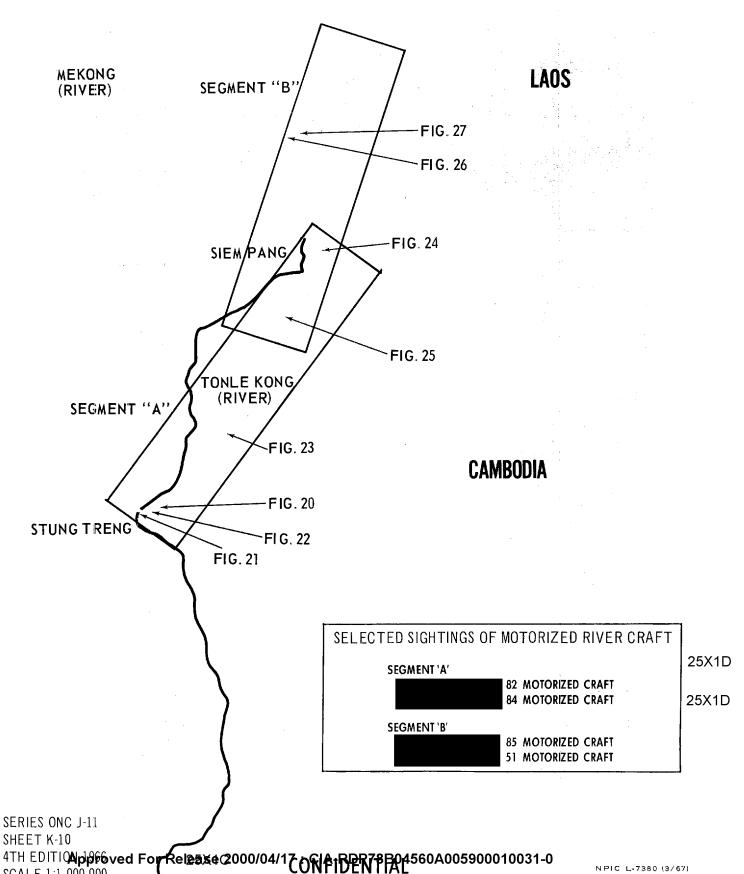
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FIGURE 20. PROBABLE STORAGE TRANSSHIPMENT AREA, STUNG TRENG AREA, CAMBODIA

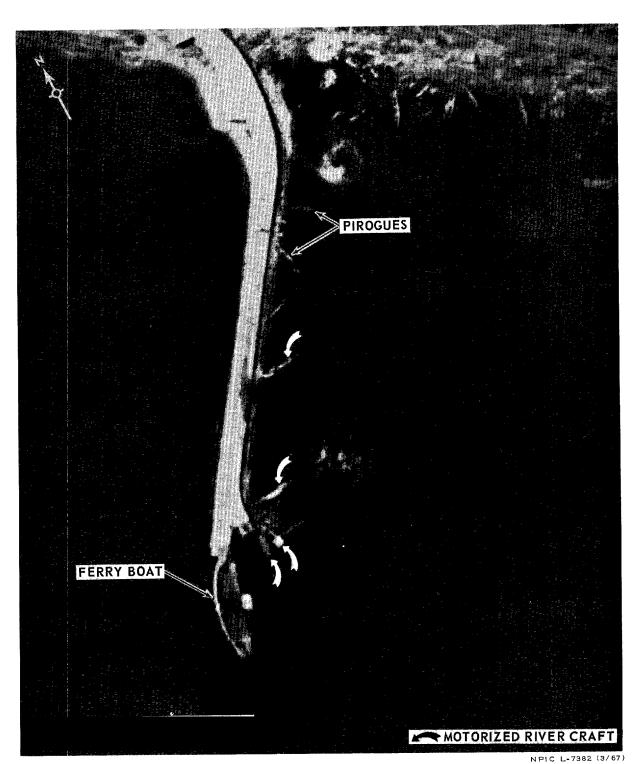


FIGURE 21. FERRY CAUSEWAY, STUNG TRENG, CAMBODIA

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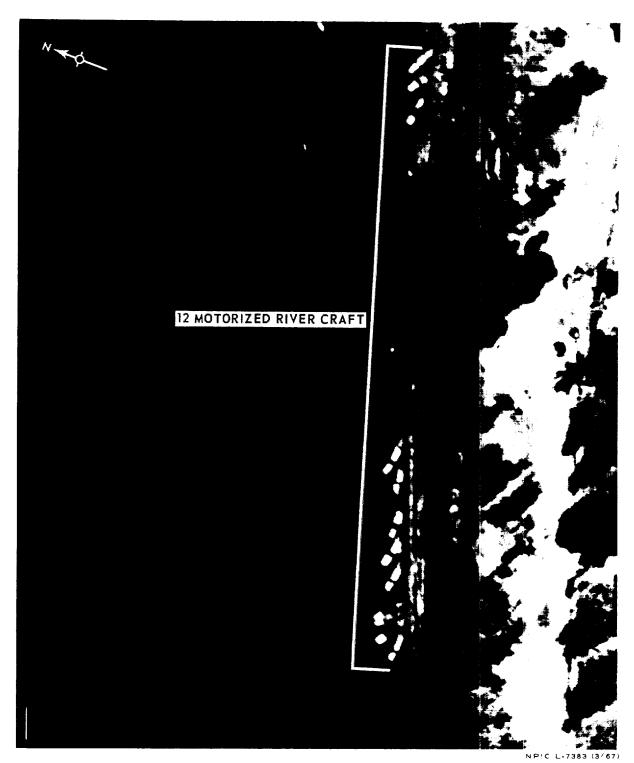


FIGURE 22. MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT, STUNG TRENG, CAMBODIA

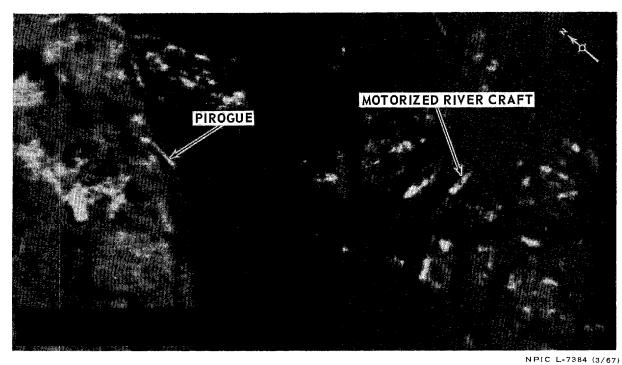


FIGURE 23. RIVER CRAFT (13-43N 106-11E), TONLE KONG (RIVER), CAMBODIA

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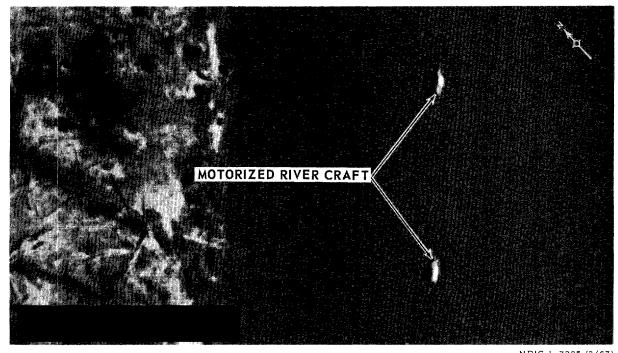
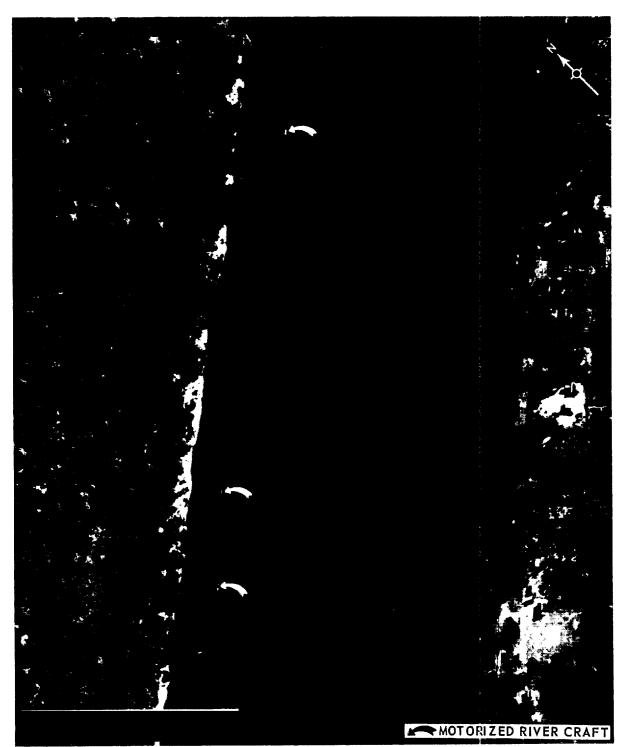


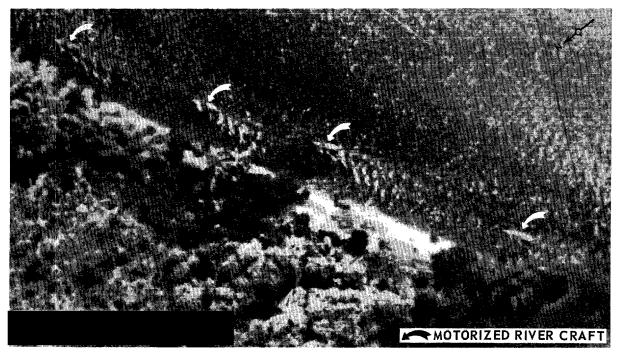
FIGURE 24. MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT (14-10N 106-25E), TONLE KONG (RIVER), CAMBODIA



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FIGURE 25. MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT (14-00N 106-20E), TONLE KONG (RIVER), CAMBODIA



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FIGURE 26. MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT (14-26 106-20E), TONLE KONG (RIVER), CAMBODIA

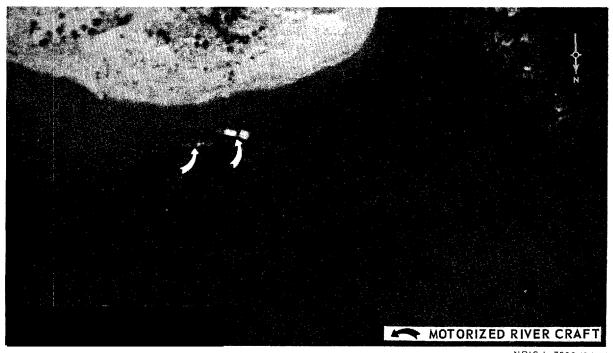


FIGURE 27. MOTORIZED RIVER CRAFT (14-27N 106-22E), TONLE KONG (RIVER), CAMBODIA

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Road Study, Route 110, Laos

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Laos Route 110 between the Cambodia border at 14-35N 106-33E and the junction with Foute 46 at 14-42N 107-18E reflects a recent surge in activity in both the construction of alternate road segments and the development of associated facilities. This sudden increase in activity coincides with an increase in river traffic on the Tonle Kong (reported in Item 4), the northern segment of which is adjacent to the western terminus of this road.

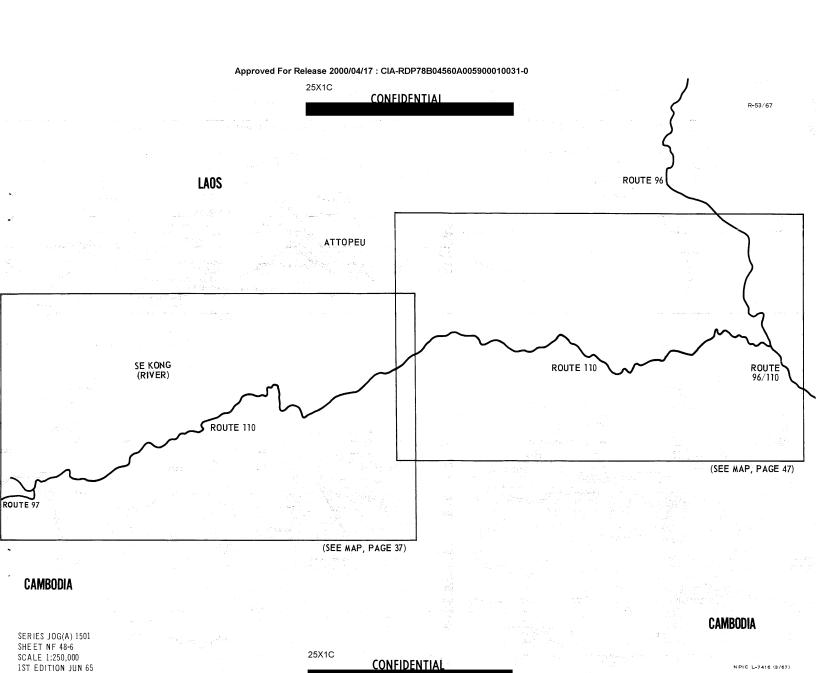
Construction of Foute 110, extending west from Route 96, was first observed in and by it had been connected with Cambodia Route 97 to form the 103 nm-long "Sihanouk Trail". Route 110 is a single lane, natural surface road, with the segment between Route 96 and the Cambodia border measuring 62 nm. The road traverses sandstone, conglomerate, and sandy shale terrain. The soil consists of silty sand underlain by clay and laterite. The eastern one-third of the road lies in an area of dense evergreen forests while the remaining area is characterized predominantly by a mosaic of small cultivated fields, grass, bamboo, and scrub vegetation.

All native activity seems to have disappeared from the areas immediately adjacent to the road. Sporatic concentrations of new slash and burn agriculture and maintained buildings in otherwise abandoned villages probably indicate the presence of non-indigenous peoples since a predominant characteristic of the local ethnic tribes is to move en masse rather than scatter in smaller groupings. These observations are additionally fortified by such indicia of military activity as foxholes and AW/AA sites.

The alignment of Route 110 as presented on the accompanying maps has been derived from stereoscopic photographic interpretation and is as correct as possible within the limitations of available topographic detail. Along the length of the road are 53 fords (predominantly dry during this season), 3 culverts/bridges (Figures 48-50), switchbacks, and sections where the road has been notched into steep-grade hillsides. The numerous by-passes and realignments which are now in various stages of construction indicate a new concern with maintaining the serviceability of this road (Figures 41, 42 and 51).

A total of 21 facilities have now been identified along this segment of Route 110, including a probable military training area, truck parks, rest and refuel facilities, and support areas. The UTM coordinates and composition of each facility follows:

1. Truck park, AB572130: single looped parking lane.



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- 2. Probable military training area, bounded by XB747137, XB744116, XB710118 and XB711126: AW/AA sites at XB712125, XB713122, XB735126 (Figure 28), XB736123 (Figure 29), and XB745135 (Figure 30); Foxholes at XB725119 (Figure 31) and XB737124 (Figure 32); an additional AW/AA site is located immediately east of the area at XB757144 (Figure 33).
- 3. Truck park, XB751139: single looped parking lane.
- 4. Probable military support area, bounded by XB797164, XB795160, XB786163 and XB788168: 5 probable buildings, probable bivouac area, a 4-position AW/AA site (3 positions possibly occupied) at XB792164, personnel trenches with associated AW/AA positions, and foxholes (Figure 36).
-). Probable bivouac and support area, bounded by XB795174. XB798175. XB801168 and XB797167: h buildings and bivouac area (Figure 35).
- 6. Truck park, MB800166: single parking lane (Figure 35).
- 7. Probable military support facility, XB927193: 4 buildings mairtained in partially deteriorated village (Figure $3^{\rm h}$).
- S. Probable military support facilities, one bounded by MBS50194,

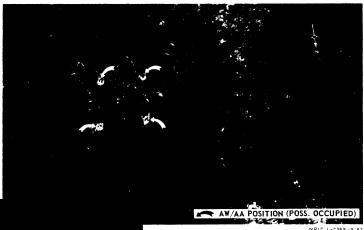


FIGURE 28. AW/AA SITE, PROBABLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA (14-35N 106-36E), ROUTE 110, LAOS.

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XB869182, XB863164 and XB854167 and one bounded by XB848145, XB848140, XB842140 and XB842145 (Figure 37): 21 buildings and extensive row crops.

- 9. Truck park/construction camp (see Summary 37, Item 10).
- 10. Probable rest and refuel facility, XB960199: two single parking lanes, one looped (Figure 38).
- 11. Probable rest and refuel facility, XB971212: large looped road.
- 12. Truck park, XB978211: single parking lane.
- 13. Truck park, XB998222: single parking lane (Figure 39).
- 14. Probable military support area, YB039234: row crops and extensive ground scarring under dense tree canopy (Figure 40).
- 15. Probable military base area, bounded by YB217284, YB222267, YB200261 and YB197276: probable truck park, 4 service roads and extensive trail network with ground scarring (Figure 43).
- 16. Probable rest and refuel area, bounded by YB235303, YB238295, YB230193 and YB229301: large looped service road with light trail activity and ground scarring (Figure 44).
- 17. Truck park, YB237292: looped parking lane (Figure 44).
- 18. Probable storage/support facility, YB293267: at least 5 buildings.
- 19. Truck park, YB426300: rectangular-shaped parking lane (Figure 47).
- 20. Truck park, YB431291: single parking lane.
- 21. Truck park, YB462285: single parking lane.

Route 16 is being reconstructed north from Route 110 at 14-42N 107-11E. A clearing operation extends from UTM YB359274 (200 yards north of Foute 110) to the south bank of the Dak Xou (river) at YB355276 (Figure 46). Feclearing and trail widening extends generally northwest from YB343280, north of the river, to YB322317 (Figure 45).

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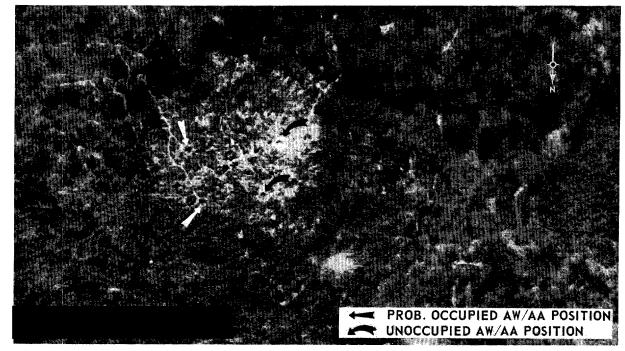
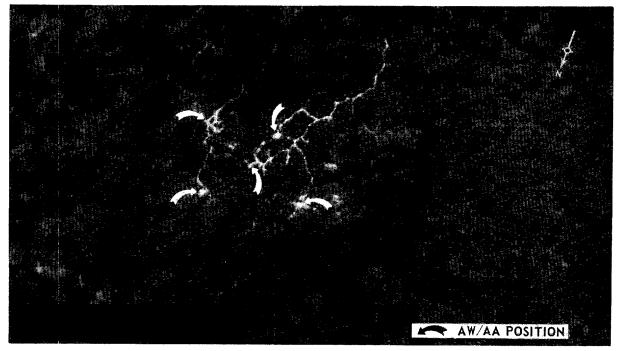


FIGURE 29. AW/AA SITE, PROBABLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA (14-35N 106-36E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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FIGURE 30. AW/AA SITE, PROBABLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA (14-35N 106-36E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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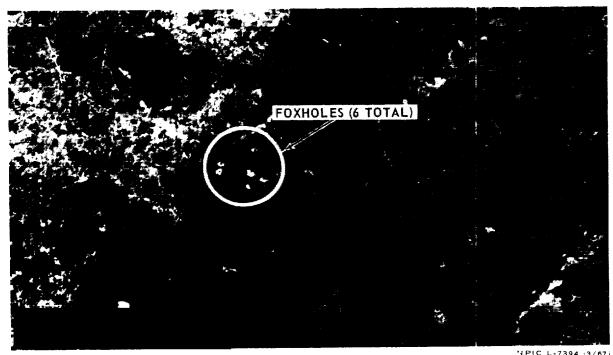


FIGURE 31. FOXHOLES, PROBABLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA (1435N 106-36E), ROUTE 110, LAOS.

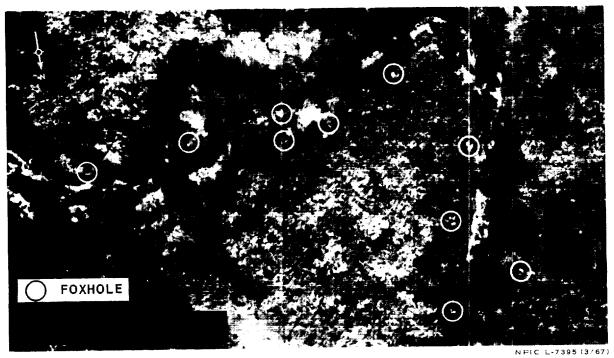


FIGURE 32. FOXHOLES, PROBABLE MILITARY TRAINING AREA (14-35N 106-36E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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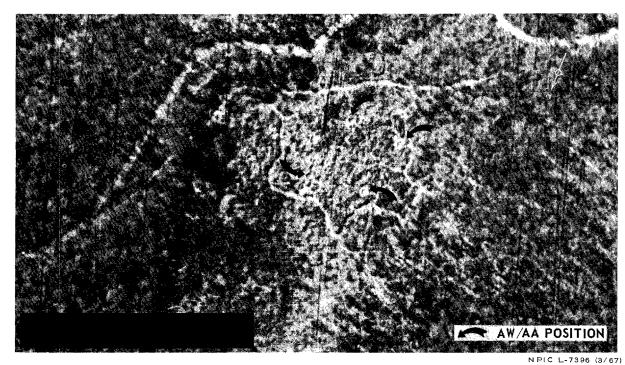


FIGURE 33. AW/AA SITE (14-35N 106-37E), ROUTE 110, LAOS.

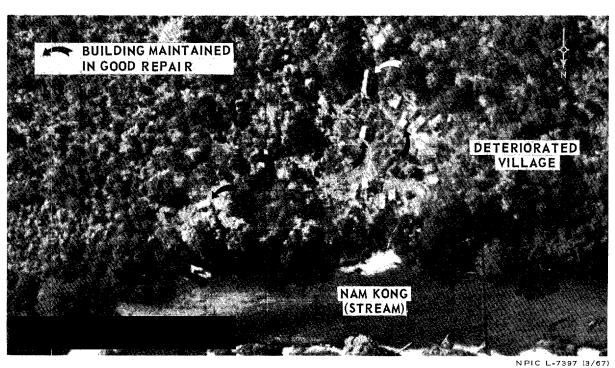


FIGURE 34. PROBABLE MILITARY SUPPORT FACILITY (14-38N 106-41E), ROUTE 110, LAOS.

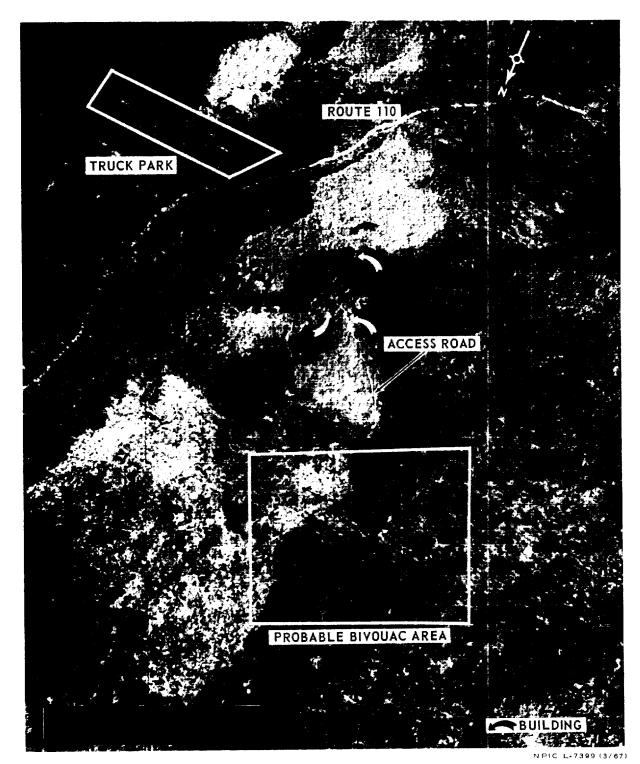
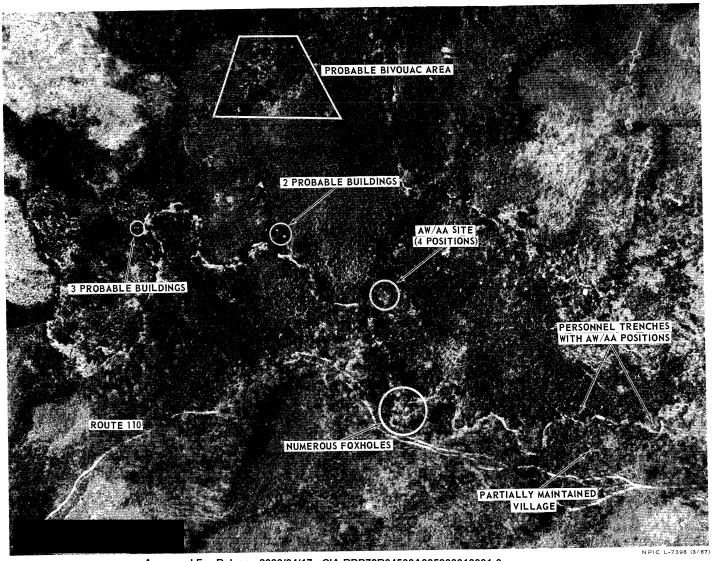


FIGURE 35. PROBABLE MILITARY FACILITIES (14-37N 106-40E), ROUTE 110, LAOS



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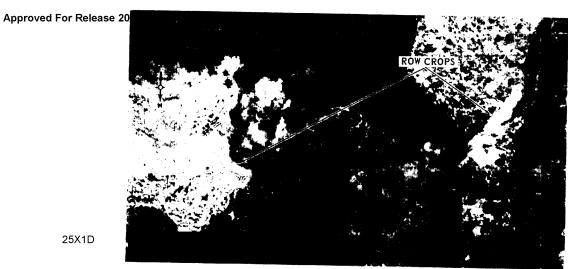
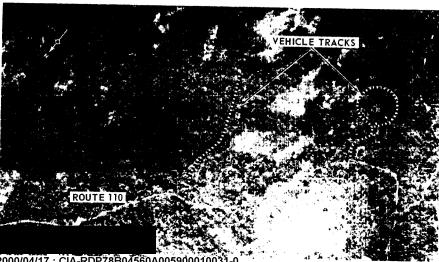


FIGURE 37. PROBABLE MILITARY SUPPORT FACILITY (14-35N 106-42E), ROUTE 110, LAOS.



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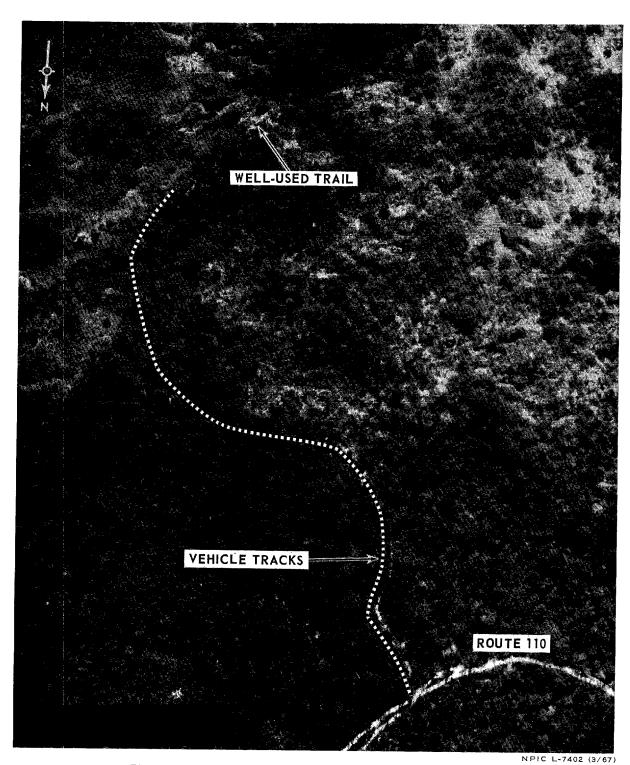


FIGURE 39. TRUCK PARK (14-40N 106-51E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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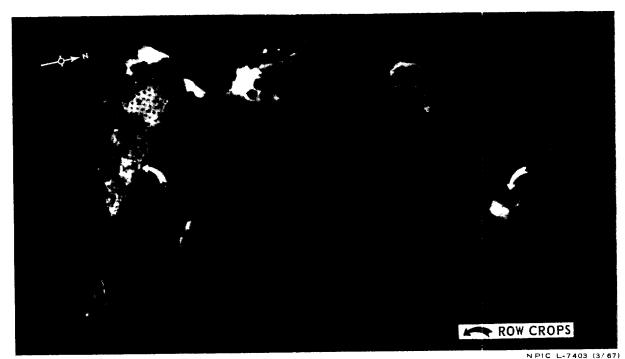


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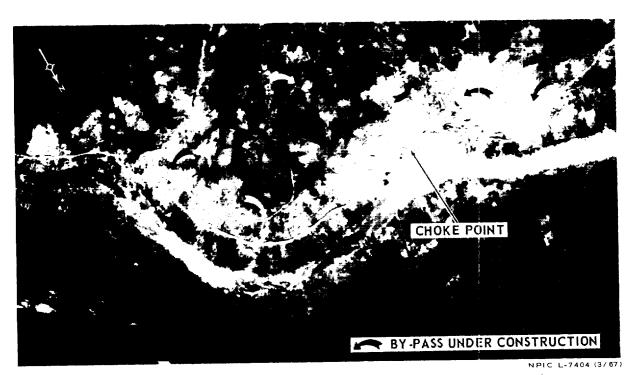


FIGURE 41. BY-PASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION (14-42N 107-10E), ROUTE 110, LAOS.

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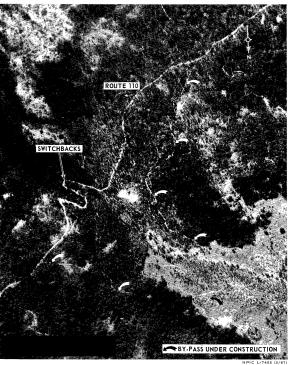


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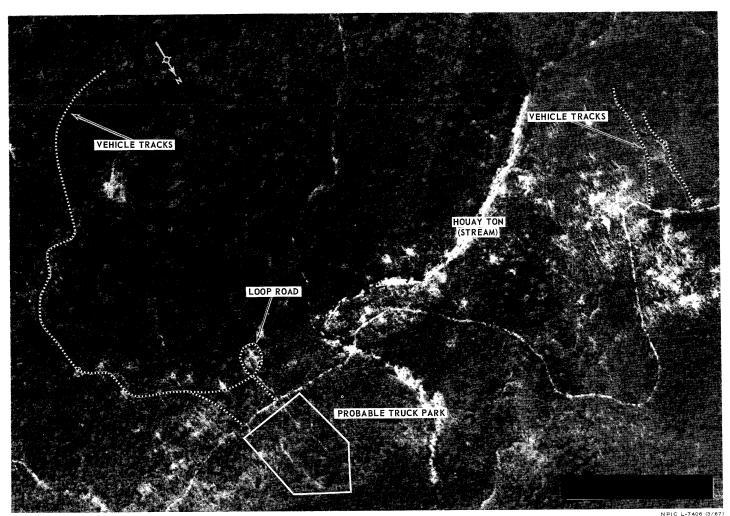


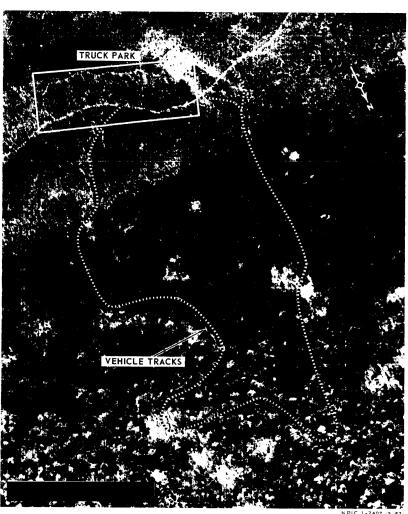
FIGURE 43. PROBABLE MILITARY BASE AREA (14-42N 107-03E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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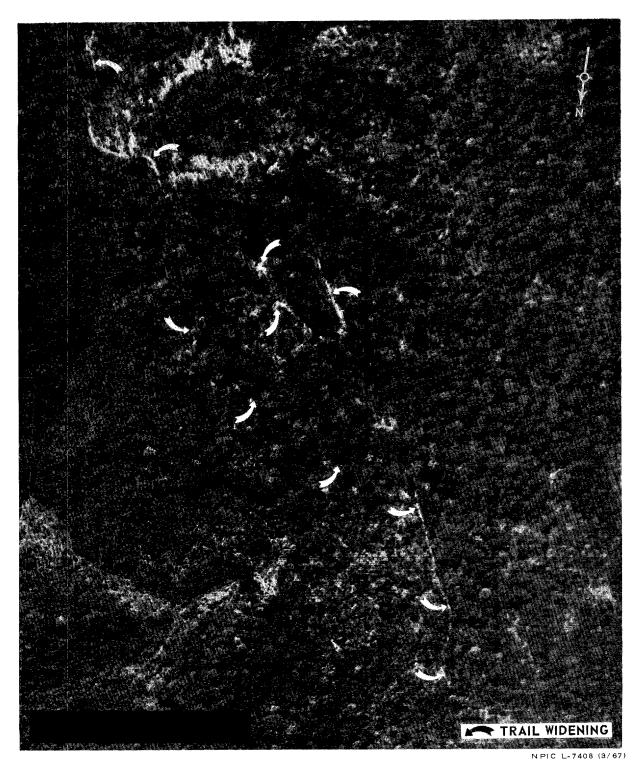
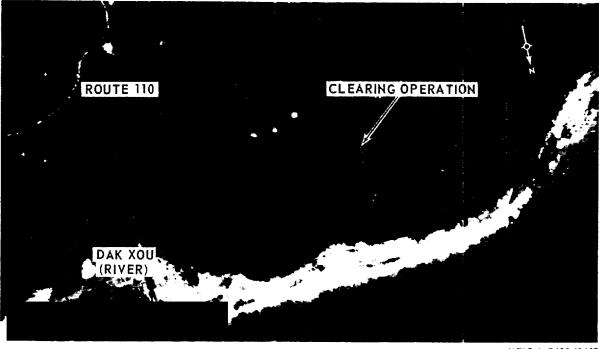


FIGURE 45. ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (14-43N 107-10E), ROUTE 16, LAOS

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FIGURE 46. ROAD RECONSTRUCTION (14-42N 107-11E), ROUTE 16. LAOS.

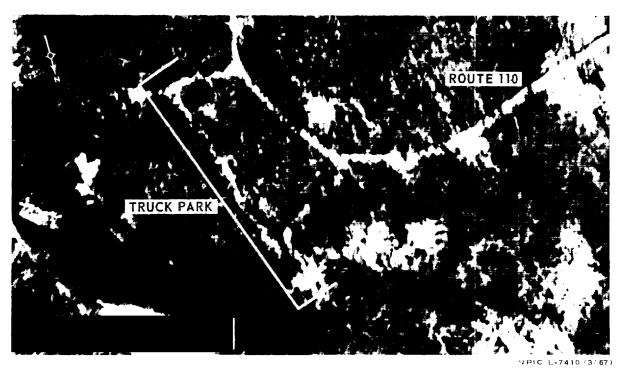


FIGURE 47. TRUCK PARK (14-44N 107-15E), ROUTE 110, LAOS.

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FIGURE 48. CUL VERT/BRIDGE (14-43N 107-13E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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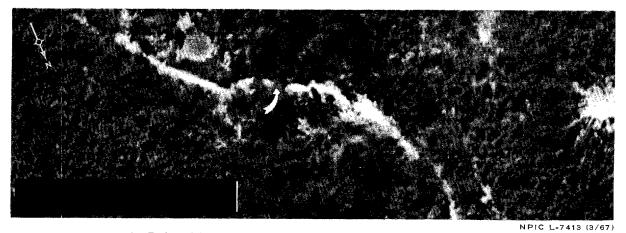


FIGURE 50. CULVERT/BRIDGE (14-44N 107-15E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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FIGURE 51. BY-PASS UNDER CONSTRUCTION (14-43N 107-11E), ROUTE 110, LAOS

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